HOUSE BILL 2269 By McMillan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-1-101, relative to the acceptance and receipt of gifts and donations on behalf of the state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-1-101, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following language as new subsections (b), (c) and (d):

- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the commissioner or appointing authority of any executive branch department or agency of state government, is authorized to accept, on behalf of their department or agency, gifts of personal property with a value not exceeding \$5,000. Any gift with a value exceeding \$5,000 must be accepted by the governor pursuant to subsection (a).
- (c) Any gift accepted pursuant to (a) or (b) above must be reported to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration within thirty (30) days of acceptance. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration shall maintain a registry of such gifts that is available for public inspection.
- (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit, diminish, supersede or otherwise alter specific authority of commissioners or appointing authorities to accept and receive gifts or donations that is otherwise granted elsewhere in this Code.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.